

# NEWS



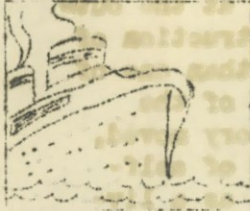
# of COLONIAL WILLIAMSBURG

Volume 1, Number 5

October, 1948



## MEMO FROM THE PRESIDENT:



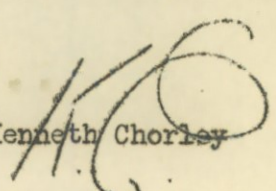
As many of you undoubtedly know, Mrs. Chorley and I sailed from New York in June to spend the summer in Europe on a combination business and vacation trip. We visited Belgium, England, France, the Netherlands, and Switzerland. Mr. and Mrs. Alexander were abroad at the same time and perhaps many of you have already had an opportunity to share their experiences through the

reports they may have given you. I shall leave an accounting of the projects we were able to carry out to a later date. But there is one thought which I should like to give you now.

This trip to me was an interesting and enlightening experience which has given me a new perspective and a deeper understanding of our own organization and its duties as well as its opportunities. Anyone who has visited post-war Europe must return to this country with an urgent sense of the need for telling and retelling the great story of American democracy. I, personally, was reminded that Williamsburg was the cradle for this democracy and that, consequently, we of Colonial Williamsburg have an obligation to see that its concept is never forgotten.

All of us, I believe, have been aware in varying degrees of the contemporary significance of this past with which we are so richly surrounded. Now the time has come when we must think of it in terms of an active, vital force. Let us work toward the truest fulfillment of our motto, "That the future may learn from the past," and we shall do our part.

During Mr. Norton's absence of about two months, while he is in South Africa with Mr. John D. Rockefeller, 3rd, I expect to spend a large part of my time in Williamsburg. I hope during this period that we may together work out definitive plans for developing further this proud heritage of the Williamsburg Concept. In the meantime, my warmest greetings to you all and my thanks to every one of you for the way in which you are carrying out our undertaking.



Kenneth Chorley

PRESIDENT'S STATEMENT  
RE: PUBLIC RELATIONS PROGRAM

Mr. Chorley has made the following statement announcing the new public relations program:

"It is the firm conviction of those who are responsible for the direction of Colonial Williamsburg that if this project is to serve the great purpose which Mr. John D. Rockefeller, Jr., had in mind at the outset, it must be more than a bricks-and-mortar physical reconstruction of the eighteenth-century capital of Virginia. It must be more than one of America's outstanding travel attractions. Since this was one of the stages in this nation over which the greatest men in our history moved, where they planned and executed the great American experiment of self-government by a free people, Colonial Williamsburg must stand as a living and eternal symbol of that faith we call 'Democracy.'

"During the past twenty years, our attention has had to be focused on the creation of the physical background, or stage. We have worked hard and long to accomplish an outstanding reconstruction of a colonial city.

"Now that the physical restoration of Williamsburg has reached the point where we can foresee its ultimate completion, it is only fitting that we should consider the direction that our efforts must take from here; that means reconsidering the significance of Colonial Williamsburg as a great force in the life of a free people. How can we make Williamsburg more useful and a greater influence for good in the troubled world today, an inspiration to the thousands who visit here each year, a symbol for the many more thousands who for one reason or another can never come to Williamsburg? For that is what Mr. Rockefeller set out to do more than twenty years ago. To help us achieve this objective, I am happy to announce to all my associates that we have obtained the services of Earl Newsom and Company, an outstanding firm of public relations counselors who have broad knowledge in that special field, the province of our effort. With their enthusiastic help, we have been trying during the past few months to map out the best way in which Colonial Williamsburg can interpret the dramatic and moving story that evolved here more than two hundred years ago. That work has been productive, and a program is now under way. As it goes along, the employees will learn about it in detail. In order for it to be successful, it must have the co-operation of every member of this organization. It is a challenge to us all and in my opinion the most exciting opportunity that the organization has ever faced."

\* \* \* \* \*



MRS. ISABELLA BRAYER:  
Scottish Magician of the Inn Bake Shop

The outstanding treats in a dining room renowned for its delicious food are the pastries listed on the menu at the Inn. Whether your taste runs to golden brown breads, mouth-watering pies, or feathery cakes with frothy icing, you will find a creation to your liking. Part of the tradition which the Inn has for excellent food, these items continually draw comments and praise from guests. Nor could they do otherwise, for they are truly of the "nectar and ambrosia" cate-

gory.

The author of these masterpieces of culinary art is a little Scot who is queen of her domain in the Inn kitchen. Dwarfed by the mixing bowls, ovens, mixers, and other bake-shop equipment which she uses so well, Mrs. Isabella Brayer is the artist responsible for those magnificent pastries.

A veteran employee, she joined the "back of the house" crew at the Inn when it opened in March of 1937 and received her ten-year pin last winter. During the war years she served at the Travis House, and there, in the tiny kitchen downstairs, turned out the Sally Lunn, the deep dish pies, and the devil's food cakes which did so much to give the Travis House the tremendous reputation it now enjoys.

A native of Glasgow, Scotland, Mrs. Brayer came to this country early in her life. She has, before coming to Williamsburg, held positions as food supervisor at Simmons College and Columbia in the Home Economics sections and also at Tufts, the City Club of Boston, and the Eastman Kodak plant at Rochester, New York.

Quiet and unassuming, she works without fuss in the Inn Bake Shop and prefers to work when she will be unhindered. To accomplish this she frequently opens up the kitchen at five in the morning in order to get most of her work out of the way before the rest of the crew comes in. To say that she is modest may be trite, but it is true enough in her case. Any hint of a compliment will embarrass her terribly because she really can't understand what the fuss is about! She has only been known to complain once, and that was during the war when she felt that her work was suffering because she couldn't get the shortening, butter, and sugar necessary to turn out top-quality pastry.

Only "five-two" with her shoes on, Mrs. Brayer is gray-haired, retiring, and almost shy. When speaking, she employs an honest-to-goodness burr-r. She's as quiet as a mouse, no bigger than a minute, and is as good as one of her wonderful cakes.

## COOPERSTOWN: The Deerslayer, Pot-bellied Stoves, and Abner Doubleday

(In recent years, as Americans have become increasingly interested in their past, restoration and museum projects have been undertaken throughout the United States. From time to time the News will report briefly on these "associates" of CW. --The Editors.)



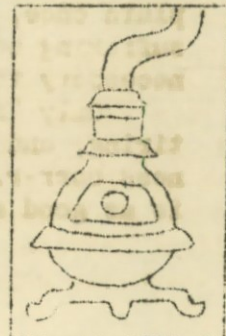
In the lovely rural fastness of upstate New York a museum and restoration project is under way with a three fold objective: to commemorate the history of a region made famous by James Fenimore Cooper in his "Leatherstocking Tales"; to recreate a country village of America's great farming center of the mid-nineteenth century; and to develop a national museum and "home" for the American national game of baseball.

The leading figure in this ambitious enterprise, which already attracts more than 50,000 tourists annually to Cooperstown, is Stephen C. Clark, whose family has lived there for generations. With his advice or assistance, a number of separate corporations administer these projects, and also help the community in many other projects - such as a fine hospital, a fully equipped gymnasium, and a municipal building and library.

On the shores of Lake Otsego, which James Fenimore Cooper's "Deerslayer" appropriately dubbed "the Glimmerglass," is Fenimore House, an imposing stone mansion which serves as headquarters for the New York State Historical Association. It houses a valuable collection of Cooper manuscripts, some of America's finest genre paintings, a remarkable group of "life masks" of early American leaders including Thomas Jefferson, a display of Shaker costumes and handicraft, and interesting collections of medical equipment and children's possessions including the "saw" of the "sawbones" of the early 1800's and the tiny wooden rocker in which our great-great-grandmothers might have rocked their crude dolls to sleep. Dr. Louis Jones, Director of the Association, has his offices here and those of his staff, and there is also a fine reference library specializing in the history of the Northeast.

Near by is the Farmers' Museum and "The Corners," which bring to life again the neglected world of America's early farmer and his wife. The Museum has a remarkable collection of farmer's tools - from the loom to the plow - and even a horse-drawn hearse of long-forgotten sorrows. "The Corners" is being developed into a country town of rural America: already in place are a country store, schoolhouse, and blacksmith shop - completely equipped and with trained attendant in proper dress. A lawyer's office, doctor's office, and other buildings will be added. Another display here of unusual interest is the Cardiff Giant, the "petrified man" which hoodwinked so many Americans in 1869 and which turned out to be a hand-carved block of gypsum.

In the center of the village of Cooperstown is the National Baseball Hall of Fame and Museum and adjacent Doubleday Field, where an annual major league game commemorates the early days of baseball and contributes funds to maintain the museum. The new director of





the museum is Bob Quinn, a veteran of over fifty years in organized baseball, and until recently top official of the Boston Braves. The museum, which is shortly to be enlarged, contains re-

records and equipment from the early days of the game to the present: from a hand-made baseball to the bats of the Yankee's "Murderer's Row." Recent additions include material sent after the death of Babe Ruth, and Mel Ott's New York Giant uniform (No. 4), which he hung up last season after a long career as an active player.

Cooperstown is within easy driving distance of New York City (200 miles), and is just off the Cherry Valley turnpike. Its historical projects should offer an inducement to any motorist, although its scenery is a sufficient inducement in itself. Travelers from Williamsburg should enjoy particularly a visit to another project dedicated to the study of America's past.

\* \* \*

#### REQUEST ! !

To avoid confusion, employees are asked to indicate their employment with Colonial Williamsburg when visiting the offices of our company physicians, Dr. B. I. Bell and Dr. J. R. Tucker, or when calling for a home visit from either of these doctors. As explained on page 22 of the Employees Manual, Colonial Williamsburg has an arrangement with Dr. Bell and Dr. Tucker whereby the organization bears the cost of certain medical services rendered its employees by these two physicians.

\* \* \*

#### CHRISTMAS BOOK SALE

Christmas shoppers should remember the annual publications sale, when some very special prices are offered to employees on all CW titles. This year the sale will get under way about November 15, and the next issue of the News will have a full schedule of price reductions, which in some cases exceed fifty percent.

\* \* \*

#### "SCRAPBOOK" DISPLAY

The Goodwin Building Exhibit Committee has installed a new display in the corridors under the title of "Historical Events from Our Scrapbook."

This exhibit is composed of thirty photographs showing scenes in the development of the Williamsburg restoration from 1930 to 1946. Featured among the items is a picture of the first guest at Williamsburg Lodge, the opening of the Raleigh Tavern, ceremonies at the opening of the Goodwin Building, scenes from President Roosevelt's visit to Williamsburg, and the opening of the Inn.

Several parties of the past are shown in the display, including the farewell to Wanda Castle when she joined the Waves, and the Tenth Anniversary dinner of the Hostess Section. Other views show various interesting events in Williamsburg during recent years.

This exhibit will remain in the Goodwin Building through October, and all employees of the organization are invited to see it. Mrs. Duncan, Mr. Bowers, and Mr. McCaskey, members of the committee, assisted by Miss Wierum, assembled the display.

\* \* \*

THE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT OF CW IN  
NEW YORK

Rockefeller Center has the world's largest indoor theater, the offices of more than a thousand leading firms, the studios of two great radio networks, the country's only ice theater, New York's first office-building garage, an ice-skating pond, twenty-six restaurants, and the consulates of twenty-one nations.\* It also contains, within its fifteen towering buildings, the New York Office of the President of CW. Here Kenneth Chorley ("K.C.") maintains his headquarters outside of Williamsburg, aided by a staff of eight other persons.

The 56th floor of the RCA Building is occupied by Mr. John D. Rockefeller, Jr., his sons, and associates. CW's space consists of four rooms - one for Mr. Chorley, one for Allston Boyer, one for Mildred Layne, and a sizeable fourth room which houses secretaries and clerks, the teletype machine, and file drawers which line the walls. In order to reduce the operating expenses of the office, certain service facilities are shared with and paid for by other members of the Rockefeller offices.

Mr. Chorley has many other responsibilities in addition to being President of CW. He represents Mr. John D. Rockefeller, Jr., in a number of interests, including the Jackson Hole (Wyoming) Preserve. He is also an active member of numerous committees and museum boards. On CW business, he is in almost daily consultation with one or more members of the Executive Committee which acts for the Board in the period between Board meetings. This Committee has regularly scheduled meetings every other week.

Allston Boyer, until recently Assistant to the President, has been relieved of these duties to devote full time to public relations in its broadest sense. He represents CW's Executive branch in developing a long-range program

and in this capacity is working closely with Earl Newsom and Company.

Miss Layne is Administrative Assistant to the President and Office Manager. The rest of the staff includes Miss Jeanne Mills, Mr. Chorley's secretary; Miss Mary Burke, Mr. Boyer's secretary; Miss Mae Peterson, Miss Layne's secretary; Mrs. Alice Stone, receptionist; Miss Joan Erthal, file clerk; and Miss Carolyn Muser, clerk.

Any employee visiting New York is welcome here, and those wishing to call may board an express elevator, gulp hard while it shoots skyward, debark at the 56th floor, ask the receptionist there to direct him to "Colonial Williamsburg," and then ask Mrs. Stone for a first-hand view.

\*Statistics courtesy Sam Chamberlin's  
Rockefeller Center.

\* \* \*

EXPERT TO CONSULT ON GOLF COURSE  
MAINTENANCE

Last month Dr. John Monteith, Jr., an expert on golf course maintenance, was retained to advise CW on its problems. Prior to the war, Dr. Monteith was the greens expert of the American Golf Association. He served as an officer in the Army Air Forces during the war, and had charge of the growing of grass on all airfields.

He will visit CW's golf course four times a year and render a report each time with suggestions for improvement. Dr. Monteith made his first inspection recently with Mr. Biles, Mr. Johnson, and Mr. Williams.

\* \* \*

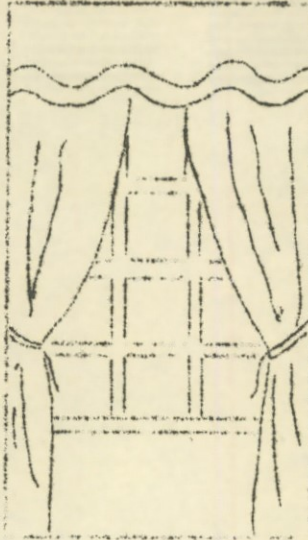
## CW'S LICENSED MANUFACTURERS ----- II - Scalamandre Silks, Inc.

One of Jack Upshur's most erudite as well as talented co-partners in the craft program is Franco Scalamandre, gifted Italian-born textile authority whose firm reproduces the lovely silk damasks which adorn the Governor's Palace and other buildings, and which are sold nationally under special CW license. The Scalamandre family, of French origin, migrated with the Bourbons in the seventeenth century to Calabria in Southern Italy, where for generations they were engaged in sericulture and weaving. Several members of the family have been professors of design and authorities on textiles in Italian universities. Franco Scalamandre, who holds the degree of Doctor of Engineering at the Polytechnic University of Naples, has twice been awarded the gold medal and diploma at international expositions for the originality of his designs and techniques in weaving -- first in 1936 at the Exposition Generale at Anvers, Belgium, and later, in 1938, at the Exposition D'Arts et Metiers in Paris.

In 1924, Franco Scalamandre, a high-degree Mason, was forced to flee Italy when Mussolini's anti-Masonic Fascist party came to power. In 1929, after some years as an importer, he set up two looms of his own in Paterson, New Jersey, and in 1933 moved his growing plant to its present location at Long Island City. Today, in addition to his power looms, he has two hundred hand-operated looms at work, each requiring the attention of a highly skilled craftsman.

His extraordinary knowledge of old textiles - backed by a collection of over two thousand rare fabrics - led him

to take special interest in working with historic sites and museums. His "customers" now include Monticello, Mount Vernon, Kenmore, Heyward-Washington House (Washington, D. C.), Jumel Mansion (New York City), Washington's Headquarters at Morristown, N. J., and many others. A recent assignment was President Truman's study in the White House, for which fabric was designed from an old French model.



Scalamandre Silks, Inc., became a licensed manufacturer for CW in 1937, and has produced a large number of designs for sale through the craft program. Hard hit by the war, the firm has been working hard to make all these designs available again, and also plans to add new designs in the months ahead. Meanwhile, anyone who wants further and first-hand evidence of Franco Scalamandre's craftsmanship can either visit Craft House or can take special note of the silk fabrics in the exhibition buildings. Look again at the gold and ivory curtains in the Supper Room at the Palace, or the rich blue damask curtains of the Apollo Room at the Raleigh. Scalamandre silks offer convincing evidence of the care with which Mr. Upshur and the Craft Advisory Committee have developed articles which bear the official hallmark of the craft program.

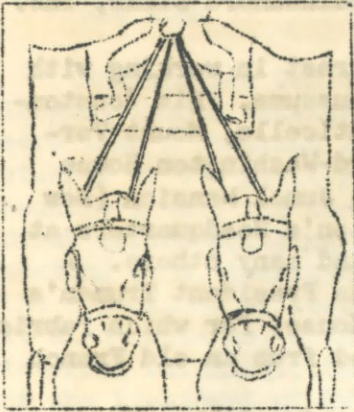
\* \* \*

Awards of \$5. for suggestions were won this month by:

Nancy Bozarth  
James Cooke  
Helen C. Dewing  
Lyman Hall

Frank S. Jacobs, Jr.  
Linwood A. Johnson  
Ruth Woody

## FAMOUS COACH TEAM RETIRES



The long-familiar team of white horses, old Shamrock and Graybar, which has been in harness pulling the open carriage for many years, has been retired.

Leaving the list of active working critters, the handsome team, probably the most photographed pair of horses in America, leaves behind an enviable record of service. They are now out-to-pasture, and will soon be replaced on the streets by a new team.

Both Graybar and Shamrock are well along in age, one having reached twelve years and the other twenty. The team was broken up recently when Graybar developed a growth on his leg which made walking difficult. Later the other horse, possibly out of equine sympathy, came down with the heaves (horse asthma).

The CW veterinarian, Dr. Wilson, recommended that both horses be taken out of service, and so they now occupy the Spencer Lane pasture, enjoying life and the green grass of Williamsburg to the fullest.

Trainer McPherson, in consultation with Monier Williams and Dr. Wilson, hopes soon to have both coaches back on the street with the present black team and a new matched pair of horses.

Tom McCaskey, promoter of the coach ride, states that business for 1948 is well ahead of 1947 and that next year both coaches will be run throughout the busy season.

\* \* \* \* \*

### RECIPE OF THE MONTH - NO. 3

Chowning's Tavern Pecan Waffles - Prepared under the supervision of Mr. Carpenter:

Measure 1 cup of sifted pastry flour and resift with 1 teaspoon baking powder and 1/4 teaspoon salt. Beat 2 egg yolks until light and lemon colored and combine with 2/3 cup milk, alternately with 2 to 3 tablespoons melted butter. Blend mixture thoroughly and add it to the dry ingredients, beating briskly. Beat 2 egg whites until stiff, but not dry. Fold them into above mixture. Add 1/2 cup pecan pieces.

Pour the batter into a heated waffle iron, filling the iron only two-thirds full and allow to spread until entire iron is covered. Close top and let cook until waffle stops steaming and is well puffed and golden brown. Lift waffle from iron with fork.



## CHANGES IN HOUSE NAMES.....

(As new evidence comes to light, CW officials designate new "house names" for various buildings in the restored area. Here Pierce Middleton, Director of the Research Department, lists all recent changes along with a brief explanation of the reason for the change. These new names are official, and will hereafter be used in all CW releases and publications. Employees are urged to review this list for information as well as interest.--The Editors.)

1. Maupin-Dixon House to Custis-Maupin House

John Custis owned this property from 1714 until his death. The house was not occupied by him, but rented. It was destroyed by fire in 1776 through the negligence of some soldiers quartered there during the Revolution. A later house was built on this site some time between 1815 and 1850 and occupied by the Maupin family since about 1837. Dixon owned the lot from 1782 to 1797, after Custis' house burned and before Maupin's house was built.

2. Randolph-Peachy House to Peyton Randolph House

This change has been made in order to conform to the policy laid down early in the restoration, that special weight should be given to celebrated persons who have occupied a house. This change brings the Peyton Randolph House into the same category with the George Wythe House and the St. George Tucker House.

3. Roscow Cole's Office and Laundry

The buildings occupied by the Williamsburg Public Library and Mr. Ashton Dovell's Law Office are reconstructed on the sites of Roscow Cole's office and laundry respectively. Cole owned the property from 1819 until 1835. The office was originally built in 1819 or 1820; the laundry, built as a kitchen prior to 1801, was converted to a laundry in 1806.

4. Marshall Lodge to Griffen House

This house appears on the Frenchman's Map (c. 1782) and belonged to Samuel Griffen until his death in 1810, and then to his daughter Elizabeth who married (1) Samuel Gatliff and (2) Ferdinand S. Campbell, Professor of Mathematics at the College, 1811-33. Griffen, a colonel in the Revolution, was a member of the Virginia Board of War 1779-81, sheriff of James City County, and a member of the Continental Congress. He married a daughter of Carter Braxton the "Signer."

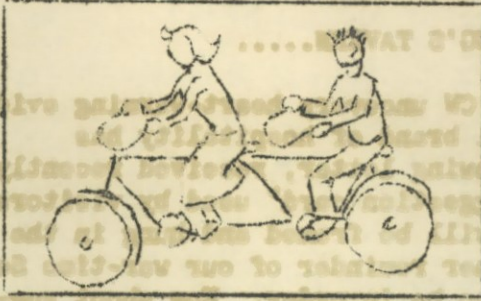
5. Repiton House to Greenhow-Repiton House

This change was made because the Repiton family did not own the property until 1810-28. It belonged to the Greenhow family from 1782 or earlier until 1810. John Greenhow, a wealthy merchant whose residence stood on the site of the Travis House, owned several lots and houses in Williamsburg. Apparently he did not occupy the Greenhow-Repiton House, but rented it. The brick building  
(over)

## CHANGES IN HOUSE NAMES (CONT'D.)

hitherto known as the "Debtor's Prison" has been named the Greenhow-Repiton Brick Office because there is architectural evidence that it served as a dependency of the Greenhow-Repiton House. Moreover, there is no documentary or architectural evidence to support the tradition that it was built in 1744 to serve as the city prison of Williamsburg.

6. Nancy Camp House to James Anderson House  
Although Nancy Camp, the daughter of James Anderson, was part owner of this house and lot, her ownership was largely in the nineteenth century and she did not live in the house. Therefore, it has been renamed after its principal eighteenth-century owner and occupant. It was acquired in 1770 by James Anderson, blacksmith, who served during the Revolution as the "Public Armourer" of Virginia. Anderson occupied the house from 1770 until his death in 1798, except for the years 1779-80 when he lived in Richmond. The house was destroyed by fire in 1842, but the property remained in the possession of the descendants of James Anderson until after the Civil War.
7. Norton House to Norton-Cole House  
Originally called the Norton House because this property was owned and occupied by John Hatley Norton, the Virginia representative of his father's London mercantile firm, John Norton & Sons, from 1778 until 1781, it has been changed to Norton-Cole House because the present brick building, which stands on the site of Norton's house, was built by a later owner, Roscow Cole, some time after 1830.
8. Brush House to Brush-Everard House  
The small house built and occupied by Brush, the early keeper of the public Magazine, circa 1716 is believed to have been enlarged by an owner late in the eighteenth century - probably Thomas Everard, clerk of York County, 1745-84. As the house will not be reduced to its size and appearance in Brush's day, it is proper to add to its name that of the later owner who enlarged it.
9. Barraud House to Dr. Barraud House  
The title was added to facilitate the identification of its early owner.
10. Charlton's Inn to Charlton House  
This change was made to avoid confusion between two Charlton brothers, one of whom kept an inn the location of which is unknown.
11. Peruke Maker's Shop to Archibald Blair's Storehouse  
Built by Archibald Blair, this small house was used as a storehouse throughout the colonial period.
12. Cabinetmaker's Shop to Ayscough House  
This building was never a cabinetmaker's shop in colonial days, but is primarily identified with the Ayscoughs.



### TRAVEL OFFICE - ONE OF CITY'S BUSIEST SPOTS.....

Colonial Williamsburg's Travel Office, the first CW center of all travel information, has been open four months and during that time has served 15,000 persons.

Chief request at the Travel Office is for routings to other scenic and historic places in Virginia or near by. Interstate travel comes second on the visitors' request list. The office keeps up to the minute on all ferry schedules for an area of 125 miles around Williamsburg and is busy answering queries on these. It has all train, air, and boat schedules also.

Maps of the various Eastern states are distributed free and marked if desired. Brochures on other places to see in the State are given out along with detailed information about times open, prices, and other information. A book of eight-by-ten-inch photographs is also on exhibit showing visitors pictures of such places as Stratford, Luray, Monticello, and plantations along the James River.

The hotels and tourist homes all carry notices of the new service being rendered at the Travel Office and visitors are invited to bring their travel problems there for assistance. Mrs. Merritt Foster is now the chief clerk and is assisted by Miss Diana Van Geyt, Miss Virginia Lee Wierum, and Mr. Paul Lipinski. It is a seven-day, nine-hour-per-day operation directed by the Depart-

ment of Special Activities.

During "The Common Glory" season, the Travel Office sold \$13,306.10 worth of tickets for The Jamestown Corporation. This totaled 6,294 tickets, or an average of 125 per day.

The Travel Office has been a profitable operation for its first four months and makes its income from the rental of bicycles, cars (Driv-Ur-Self), cameras, and the sale of film, post cards, booklets, coca colas, and stamps. Approximately 1,000 post cards per day were sold at this point during the past two months.

Reservations for trains, planes, and boats are made either for visitors or local residents at the Travel Office. It is hoped that the office will soon be authorized to sell tickets for such transportation.

Arrangements for transportation to and from the airports, railway stations, and docks are also made. Out-of-town trips, or in-town sightseeing, is arranged for the visitor by the Travel Office staff.

From the initial experience with this service it would seem that it is one that is badly needed in Williamsburg. It provides a great convenience to our hotel clerks and other contact personnel, providing a central place where travel information and services are rendered. From the visitors' standpoint it must also be useful, as the volume of business has demonstrated.

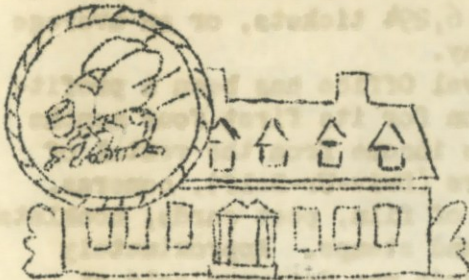
\* \* \*

### DON'T FORGET!!!!

Friday and Saturday, Oct. 15-16, offer the last opportunity for the influenza shots given at company expense:

- 9-11 a.m. - Bell Hosp. or Tucker Clin.
- 2-4 p.m. - Bell Hosp. or Tucker Clin.
- 7-9 p.m. - Tucker Clinic
- 8-9 p.m. - Bell Hospital

## EX SERVICEMAN PROPOSES SEABEE MEMORIAL FOR CHOWNING'S TAVERN.....



(From time to time, CW uncovers heart-warming evidence that our own special brand of hospitality has admirers. The following letter, received recently with the little "suggestion card" used by visitors at Chowning's Tavern, will be framed and hung in the Tavern. But a further reminder of our war-time Sea-Bee visitors may also be in order. How about suggestions? --The Editors).

"When the attached card was handed to me, I took it with me so that I might answer it at a time when I could give it more thought. I could not comment on the food or service (or atmosphere) at Chowning's except to say that they are all superb. The heart-warming friendly courtesy of the colored waiters is something I will long remember, and return to enjoy again.

"There is one suggestion, however, that I would like to advance. The long-dead Josiah Chowning and the brave and devoted Americans who were his customers are fittingly remembered there. But Chowning's Tavern played another, and I think just as important part, in our country's more recent history, which seems to be entirely overlooked.

"Only a few years ago its hospitable doors opened again to the defenders of our country. Again brave and devoted Americans filled its benches. By the thousands and more thousands they came, in numbers that would have staggered old Josiah. Their glasses thundered on the tables and their songs rang from the rafters, just as they must have done in Colonial days.

"For a few short weeks, Chowning's gave them relaxation and convivial companionship; then they passed on to grimmer business. Many will never return to those familiar benches, but to those of us who do, as I have done, the place is full of ghosts - not of long-dead strangers, but of lusty, hard-drinking, hard-fighting comrades. To many of us it is a shrine, representing the best of Virginia hospitality and at the same time the place where we were able to forget the aching loneliness of war for a few hours in cheery company.

"It is not fitting that no memory should remain of the coming and going of the Camp Peary Sea-Bees at Chowning's. We were no touring school-teachers, browsing in the mists of antiquity. We were living and making history, and Chowning's had its part in our lives. Somewhere there should be some sign that we are not forgotten. I would not venture to suggest its nature, but I hope that, when I return next year, as I certainly hope to do, the ghosts of the Sea-Bees will have their recognized place along with those of Josiah and his famous contemporaries."

--F. J. Pettit  
Milwaukee, Wisconsin

## INSTITUTE'S NEW RESEARCH ASSOCIATE

Pierce Middleton's successor as Research Associate of the Institute of Early American History and Culture is Brooke HINDLE, of Philadelphia. After studying naval architecture for two years at M.I.T., Mr. Hindle graduated from Brown, and thereafter took an M.A. from the University of Pennsylvania just as war broke out. While in uniform he served as an instructor at the New York Naval Reserve Midshipman's School, as Radar Maintenance Officer aboard the escort carrier Chenargo, and as a staff officer at the Pacific Fleet Radar Center. He has virtually completed his requirements for a Ph.D. at Pennsylvania, and is submitting a thesis on the early days of the American Philosophical Society. This study led him to take a special interest in early American science, and he will now continue work in this field.

The Hindle's have a five-month's-old daughter. Their home in Williamsburg is one of the new Ludwell Apartments.

\* \* \*

## FROM THE THEATRE.....

Nothing too spectacular bursting from THE WILLIAMSBURG THEATRE, now that operation is back in full force for the fall season. A touch of color is added by the duc cap worn by Catherine HANEAHAN, our diminutive Senior Cashier, who is now a lowly freshman at the College of William and Mary, and taking rather well to the big step!....Thomas McCORMICK, our Doorman, is having his first vacation. However, it's ceiling zero around the McCormick domicile - he'd planned to paint his house, but the old equinox set in and it's been that ole "California" dew every day.....Tom

HALLIGAN, House Manager, took off for a week to ole Kain'tucky last month. As yet we haven't figured just why, but by the looks of things he either had to fight his way back or ride the rails, for his "dukes" were in sad shape. Says he (and here we quote), "Did some hard work out there." Now that we gotta see!.... Patrick BUCHANAN, Assistant Manager, has decided to take a slight break from his college classes. That is, he says that he plans to give his all to the Theatre until February when he returns to law studies.....Following last spring's college graduation, Theatre personnel suffered a rather drastic blow. So, to bolster the faltering troops, we have the following reinforcements: Mary COLE, of Williamsburg, now cashiering; Colan MacDONALD, law student, of Chitlunswitch (honest, that's how you spell it), Neb., who is ushering; Ray ORR, college student working for his BA, of Mattoon, Ill., also an usher replacement. Sallie ADAMS and Jimmy STEWART are back from a summer's vacation. Sal returns to the keyboards, and Jimmy takes up his new duties as Relief Porter.....Curtis L. TATE, Assistant Projectionist, is still waiting for that new car. Sure hope that some dealer comes to the rescue soon, for Tate has so much vacation coming to him now, with fifteen year's service in the organization, that we are afraid he might forget to come back!....Maupin SAUNDERS filled a week of operation for Jimmy HUMPHREY while Jimmy was away on vacation.....Tom McCASKEY recently went to Washington to buy some brand new pictures for the cinema of Williamsburg. He reports that things are looking up on the Hollywood production line, with several outstanding items being put into release shortly.

\* \* \*

## BRIEFS.....

Lorraine HAISLIP attended the wedding of her brother in Roanoke, Va..... Diana VAN GEYT and Vivian MOSES spent the week end of Sept. 18 with the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. N. P. Moses, in Waynesboro, Va.....We welcome Helen GEDDY and Shirley STONE, new employees in Office Services.....Irma WILLIAMS was in New York City for a week's vacation..... Virginia WERTH has returned to work after being ill for some time.....Sarah WEBB will replace Shirley DAVIS in the Curator's Department.....Jane SEGNITZ began her vacation October 1. She will visit friends in New York City. On her return, she will take over Mrs. Duncan's duties as Film Librarian.....Frances ROBB of Williamsburg, a W & M graduate, is the new Assistant Film Librarian.....Mar Kent STEVENS and Mary Jane KING were in Radford, Va., for the week end of Sept. 25... William BENTIEN is back after a month's illness.....Friends of Louise INMAN will be glad to know that her mother is improving rapidly.....The family of Robert WILLIAMS, Randolph LEE'S assistant in C & M, has moved into a new residence on Henry St.....H. O. BEEBE spent part of his vacation in New York City.....Charles WILLIS enjoyed a vacation in Williamsburg.....Wanda CASTLE and Alma Lee ROWE vacationed at Warm Springs, Va.....Ernest PRIEST has returned after a two-week vacation in Canada.....Bert KOCH has just returned to the office after a session at Buxton Hospital in Newport News, where he underwent an appendectomy.....Bob TAYLOR visited relatives in South Carolina recently.....Sing MOOREHEAD is spending a month at Warm Springs and Roanoke, Va.....

\* \* \*

## INN AND LODGE DEPARTMENT.....

Inn Food Department: Michael O'RIORDAN missed two week's work during September

while fighting a severe attack of influenza. After several days at Bell Hospital, he recuperated at home.....Thomas KANE, of Highlands, N.J., has joined the staff as maintenance steward. He has much more than his experience as a top sergeant in the army to equip him for the job, for before entering the service he spent four years at the Stockton Hotel at Sea Girt, N.J. during his vacations from school. He is now the owner of his own luncheonette business at a seaside resort and will work here during the slack season there.....Forrest GRIFFIN reports an interesting and profitable trip to Washington, D.C., where he attempted to facilitate the procurement of wholesale foods from that market in order to save, when possible, the extra cost of freight and express charges on items purchased in the New York and Chicago markets..... Billie Winston SNEAD, Mr. Loughrie's girl Friday, returned recently from a vacation trip to New York City.....Floyd HONEYCUTT, steward, returned to work on Sept. 29 after a painful siege with arthritis, which kept him invalided for a week.....

--Norma Barman

Chef Fred CRAWFORD spent the month of September vacationing in Jacksonville, Fla. and Lynchburg, Va.....Pernell GALE of Newport News has joined the salad pantry crew.....Mary THOMAS and Clementine JACKSON, pantry girls, were bereaved by the loss of their brother, Clavin Jackson, who died in Fla. where he was serving in the army..... Mattie JEFFERSON, dishroom, and Gladys WALLACE, pantry, are now attending Virginia State College and North Carolina State College, respectively. --John Heywood  
Lodge Food Department: Florence HALCOMB joined the staff last month in the capacity of food supervisor.....Ema HONEYCUTT left on Oct. 7 for a two-week vacation..... W & M is very well represented in the Coffee Shop. The following students are working part-time on the bar: Bill ONKEY, Edward REILLY, Harold REINHARD, Edward MARSH, Jack BARRETT, Henry LAM, Glen

GARRISON, Robert CAINES, James WEEKS, Robert McPEEK, Frank SAUNDERS, and Jean MOOREHEAD. Mr. Loughrie quipped that all that was necessary was a professor to hold class.

--Frances Martin

Annie TAYLOR returned to work on Sept. 30 after a two-week vacation....Martha BOOKER returned to work on Sept. 20 following a long illness....Mary DEAN, Elizabeth PARILLA, and Alma WALLACE enjoyed vacations during September....Thelma ROBERTS has returned to Virginia State College and Katherine RANDALL left to enter Hampton Institute.

--Alma Wallace

Chowning's Tavern: Bill SAUNDERS, who served as manager of the swimming pool during the summer, transferred to Chowning's when the pool closed to assume the duties of assistant manager there.... Another swimming-pool employee, John WARNER, is now working at the bar after a summer of life-guarding.

Housekeeping Department: Eva CLOWES attended the Baltimore Colts-Brooklyn Dodgers football game at Baltimore on Sept. 26. Her son, John, a former W & M gridder, is a member of the Brooklyn team....Laura JOHNSTON, who does the flower arrangements for the Inn and Lodge, took a busman's holiday and entered several examples of her work in the flower show presented by the Williamsburg Dahlia Society on Sept. 18 and 19. It might be added that she carried off many of the honors....Lucy SCHAUMBERG is enjoying a two-week vacation....Eudelia CALDWELL has joined the Inn Housekeeping staff....Orise GINGRAS, of the Inn staff, recently became a grandmother.... Rebecca TAZEWELL and Doris WASHINGTON left in September to return to school.... Sympathy is extended to Pearl BROWN because of the recent loss of her mother.

--Coral Rogers.

Reservation Office: Julie GARRISON joined the Staff Sept. 13. She and her husband Otis hail from Hampton, Va., and will make their home here until next June when Otis graduates from W & M....Ethel

LYON spent the week end of Sept. 24 at her home in Plymouth, N.C., where her father celebrated his eightieth birthday. She also saw her niece for the first time.

--Mary Rosseau

Accounting Department: Margaret McGURIMAN has resigned her position and is now employed at Fort Eustis in the Payroll Dept....Elizabeth MARLOWE, a native of Norfolk, is the new receptionist. Her husband is a junior at W & M....Pauline RILEY replaces Margaret McGuriman as the Accounts Receivable clerk. Mrs. Riley is a native of Hempstead, L.I. and her husband also is a student at the college.... Ernest J. LEE recently became the proud possessor of a new blue Chevy....Among those present at the North Carolina-Texas game were Lelia and Werfield Winn.

--Lelia Winn

Cashiering Section: Bobbie VICKERS and Peggy MASTERS of Jacksonville, Fla. joined the staff recently. Bobbie is the sister of A. J. Vickers, the general cashier.... Bob COOK, a student at the College, rejoined the staff in his position as food checker at the Lodge after being away during the summer....Earlene HENDRIX has taken the position of cashier at the Travis House. Her husband is a student at the College and a member of the football squad....Ray TOWNSEND, veteran Inn food checker, is back after a vacation which he spent at his home in Knoxville, Tenn. Ray, a senior at W & M and amateur photographer, brought back several interesting photos which he took while in the "Smokies."

--Margaret Burgess

Inn Bell Crew: Friends are extending their deepest sympathies to Bell Captain Sylvester HARROLD and his wife on the recent loss of their son....Charles JACKSON and Milton BETTS attended the recent football game between Hampton Institute and Shaw University at Hampton.

--Nat Reid.

Inn Dining Room: Evelyn REDCROSS of Grove, Va. recently joined the dining room crew....Ethel COOKE returned on

Oct. 3 after a week's vacation in Washington, D.C.....Waiter Irvin REID recently became the proud father of a baby boy.....Hollis ROSS, bus boy, left to enter Hampton Institute.

--Robert Johnson, Jr.

Front Office: Thomas MOYLES, manager at the Lodge, and Denton W. GUSTAFSON, room clerk there, attended the meeting of the regional governors of the Hotel Greeters Association in Richmond on Saturday, Sept. 25. They left on Oct. 6 to attend the Southeastern District convention at Miami, Fla. "Tommy" Moyles is president of the Virginia Charter of the Greeters and "Gus" is a member of the Board of Governors.

\* \* \*

#### HOSTESS BRIEFS.....

And now, "October's bright blue weather." The torrid summer is a memory. Long, cool shadows lie across the Palace Green. "Is it always like this?" asks the October guest. And, without a flicker, the hostess replies, "We had a few hot days this summer, but most of the time it's lovely in Virginia."

Nell EAST took a trip to New York for a glimpse of the winter fashions..... Dorothy WING and her daughter, Rose Adele Wing, spent several days in Baltimore.....Bonnie BROWN, the lady of the spinning house, and her husband, with daughters Barbara and Mary Lou, have moved into an apartment on Scotland St... The CARTERS, Mary, with her daughter Dale and son Charles, are making a home in the old Debtor's Prison, now called Greenhow-Repiton Brick Office, which has been transformed into a charming small house.....Nori SMITH is back with us, escorting parties through the buildings. Nori spent the summer in the Catskills as counselor at a girls' camp.....Lyn and Nancy HART have moved to Warrenton where Lyn will be associated with Washington

Reed, formerly of Williamsburg.....Fred FLANARY is in the news again. When Governor Lane of Maryland, with his wife and two very charming daughters, visited Williamsburg not long ago, their escort was Fred Flanary. Fred had lunch with them and later visited them aboard their yacht at Yorktown.....Elizabeth CALLIS accompanied Mrs. Binns and her guests on a trip to some of the old plantations. They saw Westover, Shirley, Berkeley, and Brandon. The old gardens are as lovely now as they are in garden week, it is reported.....Nouvelle GREEN has returned from a visit to her son, D. A. Green, and his wife in Baltimore. She made the acquaintance of a new little granddaughter, Sue Ellen.....Mary DANIEL is in Greenville, S.C., visiting her son, George B. Daniel, and her daughter-in-law. Mary went especially to greet her grandson, little George Daniel, who arrived on Sept. 27..... Mrs. James Barbour Macon, with her son James, is visiting her mother, Minnie PATE, on Jamestown Road.....Jay Dewing of Annapolis, recently visited his mother, Helen DEWING.....Fannie Lou STRYKER accompanied her husband to the Chamberlain Hotel at Old Point Comfort to attend a meeting of the Virginia League of Municipalities.....

Most any time now, we expect a new establishment to open up in Williamsburg, "Mesdames Dunn, Wing, and Bozarth -- Mantua Makers." For weeks Lilah DUNN, Dorothy WING, and Nancy BOZARTH have been traveling to Richmond for instruction in the art of tailoring. We understand that their skill with the needle is exceptional and we anticipate a blossoming of the "new look" in Williamsburg.

Two of our hostesses, Mildred ADOLPH and Mae FLETCHER, were models in the fashion show sponsored by the Young Women's Club.

#### THE QUARTERLY OFFICE.....

Mr. and Mrs. Douglass ADAIR attended the



performance of the operetta "Greenbrier" in Richmond on Wednesday night, October 6, as guests of Mr. and Mrs. Willis Shell....Mr. Adair has recently been elected president of the Faculty Club at William and Mary for the coming year.

\* \* \*

#### WEDDINGS.....

Miss Marsha REED of the Reservation Office and Mr. Leo Mays, a student at W & M, were married Sept. 18 at the home of the bride. They are now making their home at the Ludwell Apartments.

Miss Mina Ayers Matthews, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Matthews, and Lt. W. M. Mahone, son of Mrs. Jennings TAYLOR who is Supervisor of Hostesses, were married in Norfolk on Sept. 25. Lt. Mahone has left for San Morros, Texas, where he will complete his training in the air corps liaison pilot school.

Miss Shirley DAVIS has resigned her position in the Curator's Department to become the bride of Dr. Hiram Davis, son of Dr. and Mrs. Henry Davis of Williamsburg. The wedding will take place Nov. 20 in Atlanta, Georgia.

Miss Adelaide RICHARDSON of the Department of Special Activities became Mrs. Jacques Hoffmann on Oct. 9 at Lee Hall. Mr. Hoffmann is in the army and is stationed in Norfolk.

\* \* \*

#### C & M NOTES.....

Orval "Hop" HOPKINS, who supplies the painters with the necessary materials to re-coat the Williamsburg surfaces, is on a two-week vacation during which he is being the "man of leisure." Recently he brought his brother Arlie to the paint shop to give him a backstage view of the efficient methods and processes which go into the production of those "pleasing

to the eye" colors.....The Paint Department is bringing to completion the interior redecoration of the Deane Kitchen with a change in color scheme to assist in displaying a pleasant and cheerful atmosphere.....Paul ROERBOUGH has returned to work after a short illness while Douglas McQUATTERS and Harold COWLING are both still on the sick list.....Bob WILLIAMS, the new assistant estimator, has moved into the apartment at the corner of North Henry and Prince George Streets..... Charles HACKETT has a new 1948 Buick. Gene SHELDON took over his old blonde Chevy.....The girls of the C&M Department and their guests had a good time at an outdoor supper party on Sept. 24 at "Webb's Acre" on Jamestown Road. The delicious clam chowder was prepared by "chief chef" Robert WEBB.....C. J. CARTER spent three week ends on his yacht at Camp Peary. He finally got it to float. Next year he plans to use it for fishing... The Men's Bridge Club membership includes G. G. "Gillie" GRATTAN, Henry BEEBE, Charlie HACKETT, Pete TUCKER, Ed WATKINS, Bert KOCH, Ralph BOWERS, and Bob EVANS..... Alden EATON is the proud father of a new daughter - Elizabeth Alden Eaton - born Sept. 18.....Sulley BRAXTON has been congratulated on completing ten years' service with Colonial Williamsburg as of Sept. 9.....James ROBERTSON and G. N. PRUDEN hope to be able to move into their new homes some time this month.....Clayton ETHERIDGE and his wife have taken up residence at the Imperial Club.....Approximately 35 employees of C&M have placed orders for safety shoes which have the metal toe-cap as additional protection for workmen.....Not included in the list of new C&M employees in the last issue were William A. ATKINSON, timekeeper, and John AUTRY, field engineer.

C&M employees taking vacations during September:

Coleman Banks  
H. O. Beebe  
Elton Brown

Ivan Johnson  
Calvin Jones  
James Jones, Jr.

J. B. Brouwers	Mildred Lanier
R. V. Carter	G. N. Pruden
Wm. T. Cook	James Taswell
Preston Crump	Willie Taylor
Emma Green	F. L. Tucker
Bruce Hardy	Arthus Wilson

Command and served 27 months in the European theater during World War II. He retired from the U. S. Army in November, 1947.

\* \* \*

## EDUCATION DIVISION CHANGES

\* \* \*

## C &amp; M CORRESPONDENTS.....

From Henry Beebe's C&M bailiwick comes the welcome news that a full staff of reporters has been assembled. Thanks, in advance, for help in the months ahead from:

Coleman Banks	Fred W. Mayfield
Wm. A. Blockston	Roy J. Murphy
Robert Burrage	Donald K. McGinnis
R. V. Carter	W. D. McPherson
John Connors	V. G. Page
Jeter D. Davis	Robert E. Parker
Harold E. Flatten	Harry T. Peoples
Bert Hargrave	Victor Peterson
Roosevelt Harris	D. C. Post
Mack Hill	J. H. Robertson
Hugh Hitchens	Bervin Saunders
John L. Hudgins	Newton D. Seal
Josh Hundley	Roger R. Small
Joe Hyde	Willie Springs
Frank Jacobs, Jr.	Mar Kent Stevens
H. L. Jacobson	A. P. Ward, Jr.
Harvey Johnson	E. A. Watkins
Ewell Jones	Linwood Williams
James Jones, Sr.	

\* \* \*

## FROM CRAFT HOUSE.....

Craft House is enjoying two new and interesting personalities: Helen HOBSON of the office, and Gordon H. STEELE, assistant to the stockroom manager. The former was previously in the antique business in Westport, Conn. and served with the Red Cross in France and Italy during the First World War. Col. Steele was attached to the Ninth Air Force Service

Two important changes in Education Division personnel have been announced recently. Effective November 1, Mrs. Geiger will resign her position in the Curator's Department to become associated with Mr. Cogar and Mr. Lewis in their new antiques and gift shop on York Street. Her duties will be taken over by Mrs. Duncan, present Film Librarian.

Mr. Minor Wine Thomas becomes Assistant Director of the Interpretation Department, and also assumes charge of the various craft shops. Mr. Thomas will continue as Director of the Archaeological Laboratory.

\* \* \*

## HELP WANTED!!!!

This is the fifth issue of the monthly News. The editors want to know what you think about it - with no holds barred. It takes plenty of time and trouble to put together a news-sheet, even a mimeographed one like this. Is it worth our while?

Drop an informal memo to Bob Hoke at the Goodwin Building, or give him a ring at Extension 242. Or better yet, take a copy of the News, mark it up, and send it to him. Tell us what you like and what you don't like. Give copy or layout the hotfoot if you feel like it - but let us hear from you.

We can't turn out the kind of paper you want without your help.

J. C. G.

\* \* \*